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Serial No. 09/585,061)

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APPARATUS FOR AND METHOD)
OF PRODUCING ON-DEMAND)
SEMI-SOLID MATERIAL FOR)
CASTINGS)

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In response to the FINAL Office Action dated May 9, 2002, please enter the following amendment in the above-identified patent application. A one (1) month extension of time has been requested, extending the deadline for response to and including **September 9, 2002**.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 24, 31, 35, 37, and 38 in the following manner:

1. (Twice amended) A method of producing on-demand, semi-solid material for a casting process, said method comprising the following steps:
- heating a metal alloy until it reaches a molten state;

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